Offices the representation of the Muslims was very unsatisfactory. The same might be said of other departments as well.

The question of the adequate representation of Muslims in public service had often been represented in the Assembly and in the Council. Satisfactory rules should be framed for the guidance of heads of departments in that matter. A scheme should be introduced for making recruitments to public service, which would secure due representation to all communities, based on their numerical strength. The principle of communal representation according to numerical strength should be uniformly applied in order to remove the inequality of the Muslims in public service.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾപറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികളെല്ലാം ഇപ്പോൾ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കമ്മറിയിൽ ആലോചിച്ച്, അവരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടുവന്നതിനുശേഷം ആലോചിക്കാം.

[Your representation will be considered by the committee which is to be appointed to consider the question of communal representation in the public service.]

174. Catholic Christians and the public service.

MR. VARKEY CHACKO (*Minachil taluk, Group I*), speaking in Malayalam, said that definite measures should be adopted by Government to remove the inequalities of the Catholics in public service. The claims of Catholics were disregarded on account of the fact that there were no definite rules for the guidance of officers who were competent to make appointments.

The Catholics were an important community in the State. By agriculture and trade they enriched the country, the bulk of the agricultural produce of the country being the fruit of their labour. A very considerable share of educational work was borne by them. The Government had often indicated their recognition of the justice of the claims urged by the Catholics. But when it came to the question of performance, they failed signally.

The Revenue and Devaswom Departments were separated as the result of a continued agitation. But the only consequence of the separation had been to fill both departments with Caste Hindus. The Government still pretended that they were entertaining non-Caste Hindus and non-Hindus in the Revenue Department.

At the time of the separation of the Devaswom Department from the Revenue Department, it was possible to transfer a great many of the Caste Hindus from the Revenue to the Devaswom Department and to appoint others in their places. But, as a matter of fact, only a few appointments in the Revenue Department were given to the aggrieved communities, reserving the lion's share of appointments for the Caste Hindus.

Of the three Dewan Peishkars and eight Division Assistants, not one belonged to any of the unrepresented communities. There were a

handful of men belonging to those communities amongst the Tahsildars; but amongst the Proverthicars they were very few indeed. As far as the Catholics were concerned, they were completely ignored in the Department. Government should formulate and enforce definite measures for the removal of the disabilities of the Catholics.

The claims of the Catholics were similarly ignored in the Education, Public Works, Medical, Registration and Co-operative Departments. In the High Court and the Huzur Office, Catholics were not appointed in the lower grades, nor were Catholic Vakils selected for appointments in the Judicial Department. The policy of the Government should undergo a radical change. Promises were of no avail unless they were accompained by performances. A scheme should be formulated for the distribution of appointments on the basis of the numerical strength of the various communities. All Heads of Departments should be specially instructed to confer appointments on members of unrepresented communities. Government were referring the matter to a special Committee. On the basis of the "Rotation scheme" of Madras or any similar scheme, definite rules should be laid down for the distribution of appointments according to the numerical strength of each community.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിന് ആൾ എടുക്കുന്നവിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതികൾ മറ്റുസാമാജികന്മാരും ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതിലേക്ക് ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റി രൂപീകരിക്കാൻ പോകുന്നുണ്ട്. ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ആലോചിക്കാം.

[A Committee is to be appointed to examine the question of communal representation in the service. Government will decide the question after receipt of the Committee's report.]

175. Catholic Christians and the public service.

MR. ULAHANNAN ULAHANNAN (*Minachil taluk, Group II*), speaking in Malayalam, said that the adequate representation of every community in public service had long been a subject of representation in the Assembly and elsewhere. No other community had suffered so grievously as the Catholic community by the apathy of the Government. It was widely regretted that the Government had done little or nothing to remedy the grievances of the Catholics who formed an important community in the State by virtue of their numerical strength, educational attainments and material well-being.

The Catholic community was not benefited by the Revenue-Devaswom separation. Government should devise means for helping the Catholics to attain their legitimate objective; and the pledges made to them should be redeemed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാൻ ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റിയെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്താൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആകമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേൽ പിന്നെ നോക്കിചെയ്യാം.